

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number

Substitute for Forms PTO-1449/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Complete if Known

Sheet	1	of	6
Application Number	10/674,972		
Filing Date	09/30/2003		
First Named Inventor	Eric K. Mangiardi		
Art Unit	3734		
Examiner Name	Kevin Thao Truong		
Attorney Docket Number	37621/52813		

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number Number-Kind Code ² (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	1	5364340	11/15/94	Coll	
	2	5433723	07/18/95	Lindenberg et al	
	3	5480431	01/02/96	Frietag et al	
	4	5520697	05/28/96	Lindenberg et al	
	5	5540713	07/30/96	Schnepp-Pesch et al	
	6	5556414	09/17/96	Turi	
	7	5562725	10/08/96	Schmitt et al	
	8	5618301	04/08/97	Hauenstein et al	
	9	5690644	11/25/97	Yurek et al	
	10	5695499	12/09/97	Helgrson et al	
	11	5702418	12/30/97	Ravenscroft	
	12	5833707	11/10/98	McIntyre et al	
	13	5876418	03/02/99	KarlheinzHauenstein et al.	
	14	6019778	02/01/00	Wilson et al	
	15	6120534	09/19/00	Ruiz	
	16	6132461	10/17/00	Thompson	
	17	6136022	10/24/00	Nunez et al	
	18	6139573	Oct-00	Sogard et al	
	19	6159238	12/12/00	Killion et al	
	20	6159239	12/12/00	Greengalgh	
	21	6171334	02/09/01	Cox	
	22	6190407	02/20/01	Ogle et al	
	23	6193744	02/27/01	e hr et al	
	24	6206916	03/27/01	Furst	
	25	6238430	05/29/01	Klumb et al	
	26	6248058	06/19/01	Silverman et al	
	27	6258121	07/10/01	Yang et al	

EXAMINER SIGNATURE	DATE CONSIDERED
-----------------------	--------------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. *Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). *See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. *Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). *For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. *Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. *Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. **SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.**

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number

Substitute for Forms PTO-1449/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/674,972
Filing Date	09/30/2003
First Named Inventor	Eric K. Mangiardi
Art Unit	3734
Examiner Name	Kevin Thao Truong
Attorney Docket Number	37621/52813

Sheet	2	of	6
28	6270524	08/07/01	Kim
29	6299622	10/09/01	Snow et al
30	6322586	11/27/01	Monroe et al
31	6380457	04/30/02	Yurek et al
32	6409750	06/25/02	Hyodoh et al
33	6420378	07/16/02	Rubinfeld
34	6421381	10/08/02	Israel et al.
35	6423092	07/23/02	Datta et al
36	6436133	08/20/02	Furst et al
37	6436133	08/20/02	Furst et al
38	6503556	01/07/03	Harish et al.
39	6540776	04/01/03	Sanders millare et al
40	6569150	05/27/03	Teague et al.
41	6607551	08/19/03	Sullivan et al
42	6616688	09/09/03	von Oepen
43	6616689	09/09/03	Ainsworth et al
44	6623518	09/23/03	Thompson et al
45	6652572	11/25/03	Kugler et al
46	6676693	01/13/04	Belding et al
47	6702849	Mar-04	Dutta et al
48	6743219	06/01/04	Dwyer et al
49	6749627	06/15/04	Thompson et al
50	6752819	06/22/04	Brady et al
51	6773448	08/10/04	Kusleika et al
52	6786918	09/07/04	Krivoruchko et al
53	6802846	10/12/04	Hauschild et al
54	6852123	02/08/05	Brown
55	6896696	05/24/05	Doran et al
56	6899727	05/31/05	Armstrong et al
57	6911039	06/28/05	Shiu et al

EXAMINER
SIGNATUREDATE
CONSIDERED

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. *Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). *See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. *Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). *For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. *Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. *Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number

Substitute for Forms PTO-1449/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/674,972
Filing Date	09/30/2003
First Named Inventor	Eric K. Mangiardi
Art Unit	3734
Examiner Name	Kevin Thao Truong
Attorney Docket Number	37621/52813

Sheet **3** of **6**

58	6913617	Jul-05	Reiss	
59	6942674	09/13/05	Belef et al	
60	6953475	10/11/05	Shaolian et al	
61	6972054	12/06/05	Kerrigan	
62	6981985	Jan-06	Brown et al.	
63	6984244	Jan-06	Perez et al	
64	6989024	Jan-06	Herbert et al	
65	7011675	03/14/06	Hemerick et al	

U.S. PATENT APPLICATION PUBLICATIONS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. 1	Publication Number Number-Kind Code* (Priority)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	66	2001/0000043	03/15/01	Israel et al	
	67	2001/0005793	06/28/01	Brenneman	
	68	2001/0025195	09/27/01	Schaolian, et al.	
	69	2002/0002399	01/03/02	Huxel et al	
	70	2002/0045933	04/18/02	Jang	
	71	2003/0040803	02/27/03	Rioux et al.	
	72	2003/0072868	Apr-03	Harish et al.	
	73	2003/0074049	Apr-03	Hoganson et al.	
	74	2003/0130611	07/10/03	Marlin	
	75	2003/0208183	11/06/03	Whalen et al.	
	76	2003/0212450	11/13/03	Schlick	
	77	2003/0236567	12/25/03	Elliott	
	78	2004/0059406	Mar-04	Cully et al.	
	79	2004/0122511	06/24/04	Mangiardi et al	
	80	2004/0176833	Sep-04	Pavcnik et al.	
	81	2004/0230119	11/18/04	Brustad et al.	
	82	2004/0256769	Dec-04	Waller	
	83	2005/0154448	07/14/05	Cully et al.	

EXAMINER
SIGNATUREDATE
CONSIDERED

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. *Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). *See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. *Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). *For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. *Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. *Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number

Substitute for Forms PTO-1449/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Complete if Known

Sheet	4	of	6	Application Number	10/674,972
				Filing Date	09/30/2003
				First Named Inventor	Eric K. Mangiardi
				Art Unit	3734
				Examiner Name	Kevin Thao Truong
				Attorney Docket Number	37621/52813

84	2005/0192620	Sep-05	Cully et al.
85	2005/0261183	Nov-05	Stewart et al
86	2002165605A	11/07/02	Penn et al

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document Number Country Code ² Number ³ Kind Code ⁴ (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁵
	87	CA 2356911	7/6/2000	Texas Heart Institute		
	88	CA 2454871	2/6/2003	Silvestri et al		
	89	DE 197 54 747 A1	6/17/1999	Impag GmbH Medizintechnik		
	90	EP 1 472 990	11/3/2004	Medtronic Vascular, Inc.		
	91	EP 1036550	9/20/2000	SCHOBER GERHARD		
	92	EP 1088528	4/4/2001	Sorin Biomedica		
	93	EP 1151730	11/7/2001	Cordis Corporation		
	94	EP 1197188	4/17/2002	Sorin Biomedica		
	95	FR 2758253	7/17/1998	Laboratories Nycomed SA		
	96	WO 02/100298	12/19/2002	Advanced Cardiovascular Systems, Inc.		
	97	WO 02/24111	3/28/2002	Fischell et al.		
	98	WO 03/065933	8/14/2003	Sentient Engineering & Technology, L.L.C.		
	99	WO 03/082153	10/9/2003	Cook Incorporated		
	100	WO 2005/011527	2/10/2005	Jotec GmbH		
	101	WO 97/32543	9/12/1997	Penn, et al		
	102	WO 98/19628	5/14/1998	Vardi, et al		
	103	WO 99/02105	1/21/1999	NOVO RPS ULC		

EXAMINER SIGNATURE	DATE CONSIDERED
-----------------------	--------------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. *Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). *See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. *Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). *For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. *Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. *Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number

Substitute for Forms PTO-1449/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/674,972
Filing Date	09/30/2003
First Named Inventor	Eric K. Mangiardi
Art Unit	3734
Examiner Name	Kevin Thao Truong
Attorney Docket Number	37621/52813

Sheet	5	of	6
-------	---	----	---

NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No.	Include name of the author (in CAPS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published. For web pages and online documents, include author or site publisher (in CAPS), title of document, web page address (URL), date published (if known), "visited" date, pages.	1*
	104	Advisory Action received in US application no. 10/669450 dated 3/6/09	
	105	Advisory Action received in US application no. 11/433024 dated 11/2/09	
	106	D.H. Kim et al., Evaluation of the Biodurability of Polyurethane Covered Stent Using a Flow Phantom, Korean J. Radiology, June 2001: 2:75-79	
	107	EP Supplementary Search Report for EP 03776570, completed 4/30/07, mailed 5/14/07	
	108	Office Action received in US application no. 10/288615 dated 11/3/05	
	109	Office Action received in US application no. 10/288615 dated 12/31/07	
	110	Office Action received in US application no. 10/288615 dated 3/26/07	
	111	Office Action received in US application no. 10/288615 dated 4/17/06	
	112	Office Action received in US application no. 10/288615 dated 7/8/08	
	113	Office Action received in US application no. 10/288615 dated 9/22/06	
	114	Office Action received in US application no. 10/669450 dated 11/1/05	
	115	Office Action received in US application no. 10/669450 dated 11/4/08	
	116	Office Action received in US application no. 10/669450 dated 12/31/07	
	117	Office Action received in US application no. 10/669450 dated 7/8/08	
	118	Office Action received in US application no. 10/669450 dated 9/22/06	
	119	Office Action received in US application no. 10/718217 dated 1/4/07	
	120	Office Action received in US application no. 10/718217 dated 2/26/10	

EXAMINER SIGNATURE	DATE CONSIDERED
--------------------	-----------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. *Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). *See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. *Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). *For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. *Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. *Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. **SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.**

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number

Substitute for Forms PTO-1449/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT***(Use as many sheets as necessary)***Complete if Known**

Sheet	6	of	6
Application Number	10/674,972		
Filing Date	09/30/2003		
First Named Inventor	Eric K. Mangiardi		
Art Unit	3734		
Examiner Name	Kevin Thao Truong		
Attorney Docket Number	37621/52813		

121	Office Action received in US application no. 10/718217 dated 4/5/10	
122	Office Action received in US application no. 10/718217 dated 4/9/09	
123	Office Action received in US application no. 11/433024 dated 12/11/09	
124	Office Action received in US application no. 11/433024 dated 2/2/09	
125	Office Action received in US application no. 11/433024 dated 7/7/2010	
126	Office Action received in US application no. 11/433024 dated 8/21/09	
127	PCT Notification of Transmittal of the International Search Report and the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority, or the Declaration, dated 11/13/2007 for PCT/US2006/018813 (Filed 5/12/06)	
128	PCT Notification of Transmittal of the International Search Report and the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority, or the Declaration, mailed 8/22/06 for PCT/US2006/013129 (Filed 4/6/06)	
129	PCT Notification of Transmittal of the International Search Report mailed 1/18/06 for PCT/US2004/31304 (Filed 9/24/04)	
130	PCT Notification of Transmittal of the International Search Report mailed 3/9/2005 for PCT/US2004/31898 (Filed 9/29/04)	
131	Restriction Requirement received in US application no. 10/288615 dated 10/28/04	
132	Restriction Requirement received in US application no. 10/669450 dated 4/20/07	
133	W.L. GORE & ASSOCIATES, INC., "Get in Cancer's Way, For the Treatment of Malignant Biliary Strictures", Feb 2003, 4 pages	
134	W.L. GORE & ASSOCIATES, INC., "Introducing the Gore Stent-Graft Family", July 2003, 6 pages	
135	W.L. GORE & ASSOCIATES, INC., "Introductions for Use for: Viabli® Biliary Endoprosthesis", September 2004, 9 pages	
136	W.L. GORE & ASSOCIATES, INC., "Percutaneous Implantation Tips for Success", April 2003, 2 pages	

EXAMINER SIGNATURE	DATE CONSIDERED
-----------------------	--------------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. *Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). *See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. *Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). *For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. *Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. *Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.